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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5360

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 1885

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PP, AS

SUBJ: REQUEST FROM AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN TRAVELLING TO CAMBODIA

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REF: STATE 067986

1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE PARA 1 REFTTEL TO  
PRIVATE SECRETARY OF IAN SINCLAIR, DEPUTY LEADER  
OF COUNTRY PARTY, MARCH 26, WITH SUGGESTION SINCLAIR  
CONTACT DFA. SUBSEQUENTLY, SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
ALAN RENOUF TELEPHONED ME TO SAY HE HAD JUST SPOKEN  
WITH IAN SINCLAIR, WHO HAD CALLED TO DISCUSS HIS  
POSSIBLE TRIP TO PHNOM PENH. RENOUF TOLD  
SINCLAIR THAT GOA ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY SITUATION  
PHNOM PENH HAD LED TO WITHDRAWAL OF AUSTRALIAN  
EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND TO OFFICIAL NOTICE TO AUST-  
RALIAN CITIZERNS COUNSELING AGAINST VISITS CAMBODIA AT  
THIS TIME. RENOUF HAD GONE ON TO TELL SINCLAIR THAT GOV-  
ERNMENT WAS NOT IN POSITION TO OBJECT TO OR PREVENT SUCH  
TRIP BY PARLIAMENTARIANS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE ENT-  
IRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. SINCLAIR HAD REQUESTED RENOUF TO  
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TELL ME. I INFORMED RENOUF THAT, ASSUMING PRESENT LOCAL

SITUATION PERMITTED, USG WAS ABLE TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION OF AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS TO VISIT PHNOM PENH.

2. COMMENT: RENOUF'S POSITION WITH SINCLAIR IS ALL AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT CAN SAY. TO REQUEST TRANSPORTATION OR GIVE FINAL APPROVAL WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY ON GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW EMBASSY. BELIEVE WE CAN TAKE THIS CAREFULLY NUANCED ANSWER TO BE EQUIVALENT TO STATING THAT GOA HAS NO OBJECTION TO VISIT, DESPITE PARTISAN POLITICAL UNHAPPINESS. IN ANY CASE, GOA IS NOW FULLY AWARE OF REQUEST FROM PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OF OUR INSISTENCE THAT GOVERNMENT FIRST BE INFORMED.

3. FOR PHNOM PENH: IF DEPARTMENT DOES NOT OTHERWISE INSTRUCT, AND IF LOCAL SITUATION PERMITS, PLEASE INFORM URGENTLY CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION. SINCLAIR PARTY SEEMS READY TO DEPART IMMEDIATELY.  
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